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September 9, 2016

Woodstock City Manager's Newsletter

Around Town

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

- **Plant Sale**, Woodstock Public Library, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **2nd Fridays on the Woodstock Square**, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- **Off Square Music – Open Mic Night**, Stage Left Café, 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

- **Plant Sale**, Woodstock Public Library, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **Farmer's Market**, Woodstock Square, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **Autumn Art Tour** – Maps are available at Material Things Artisan Market, 103 E. Van Buren St. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- **Riders in the Sky**, Opera House Main Stage, 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

- **Autumn Art Tour** – Maps are available at Material Things Artisan Market, 103 E. Van Buren St. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- **Niko's Red Mill Tavern** - Band "Southern Jack", 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

- **Tee to Tea** – Adult & Child Therapy Services "Tee to Tea" Women's Golf Outing, Woodstock Country Club from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
- **Blood Drive**, Public Library, Heartland Blood Center, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- **Coffee with the Chief** - WPD Police Training Room, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

- **Farmer's Market**, Woodstock Square, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **Senior Coffee**, Stage Left Café, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
- **IT Assistance**, Woodstock Public Library, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

- **High Tea & Fashion Show** – Hearthstone Village, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- **Stage Leftovers**, 7:00 pm, Stage Left Café

FRIDAY, SEPTMEBER 16, 2016

- **Friday Fun Day**, Public Library, Children's Department, All Day
- **Jazz Night**, 8:00 pm, Stage Left Café

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HUMAN RESOURCES

CITY OF WOODSTOCK EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Woodstock is a great place to work! We offer competitive salaries and great benefits, and a family-friendly work environment. We invite you to consider the City of Woodstock as your next employer of choice!

We encourage you to periodically check the entry way at City Hall or the City's website at www.woodstockil.gov/hr/jobs to view any **CURRENT** Employment Opportunities that may be posted.

If there are no positions posted, the City accepts interest cards via the City website. The on-line form can be accessed at:

<http://www.woodstockil.gov/hr/webform/job-interest-card>

Interest cards are retained for six (6) months. Should a position be posted for which you are qualified and have expressed interest, the HR Department may contact you to advise you of the posting. **Please note that by completing an interest card you are not applying for a position, but merely indicating that you are interested in working for the City of Woodstock.**

Thank you for your interest in employment with the City of Woodstock. The City of Woodstock is an **Equal Opportunity Employer**.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Nominating Petitions for Consolidated Election are Available

Nominating Petitions for City of Woodstock elected positions were made available to the public this on Tuesday, August 30th, per State guidelines. A minimum of 15 signatures (not less than 1% of those voting in the last Mayoral election) is required to submit.

Nominating Petitions for the offices up for election: Mayor (1), City Council (3). Petitions are due to be filed in the City Manager's Office during regular business hours the week of Thanksgiving, with no petitions accepted after 5:00pm on Monday, November 28, 2016. If needed, a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. The Consolidated Election date is Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

September Employment Anniversaries

Wayne Baker	Wastewater	September 29	30 yrs
John Mecklenburg	Parks	September 21	27 yrs
Mary Lynn Lisk	Recreation	September 30	25 yrs
Chris Birdsell	Parks	September 6	24 yrs
Henry Vidales	Wastewater	September 8	24 yrs
Robert Pritchard	Police	September 9	22 yrs
Kim Monack	Crossing Guard	September 16	20 yrs
Eric Schmidtke	Police	September 9	18 yrs
Daniel Henry	Police	September 17	18 yrs
Tad Lester	Parks	September 9	16 yrs
Tamara Reed	Police	September 11	16 yrs
Glenn Hess	Police	September 4	15 yrs
Sandra Valle	Police	September 7	15 yrs
Pamela Moro	Library	September 2	13 yrs
Ruth Ann Lieb	Finance	September 13	12 yrs
Adam Garrison	Water	September 26	11 yrs
Gail Wells	Opera House	September 20	10 yrs
Ronald Schmitt	Recreation	September 25	10 yrs
Thomas Letourneau	Opera House	September 15	8 yrs
Patricia Bergeson	Library	September 7	4 yrs
Dale Luckey	Crossing Guard	September 22	3 yrs
Elisa Diaz	Recreation	September 1	1 yr
Eilish Keane	Recreation	September 2	1 yr
Garrett Anderson	Economic Development	September 8	1 yr
Parker Burton	Library	September 8	1 yr



PUBLIC WORKS

New Practice Soccer Goal at Emricson Park

The City of Woodstock is home to twenty-five (25) different park sites spread over 543 acres of property. These sites include 8 soccer fields, 2 football fields, 16 softball/youth baseball fields, 4 baseball-only fields, 9 tennis courts, 9 basketball courts, and 16 playgrounds. Recently, City staff noticed an increased number of youth practicing soccer on fields at Emricson Park that are reserved for games. Restricting these field to game use ensures they are ready for established play and to reduce the amount of wear & tear on the turf.



To address concerns expressed by several user groups over the lack of practice fields, staff installed a single soccer goal and a new net on top of the sled hill in Emricson Park. Installing the goal at this location prevents practice on fields reserved for game use only. The new goal is restricted to practice only and is to be used on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The area will not be painted with turf paint & will be mowed on the City's open-area schedule. Please remember the soccer fields at Emricson Park are game-only fields and enforceable through City ordinances. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at pwdept@woodstockil.gov or (815) 338-6118.



Tappan / Ash / Walnut Phase 2 Begins

Storm sewer work resumed just north of the Tappan Street and Terry Court intersection on Thursday, September 8, 2016. Excavation and installation of large diameter storm sewer pipe and manholes will continue toward the east curb line on Tappan Street past Terry Court, ending at Ash Avenue. This improvement, like Phase 1, is partially funded through grants received from the Community Development Block Grant program.

The City expects completion of Phase 2 by the end of October with signage and flaggers directing traffic through the work zone when required during construction. Please contact the Department of Public Works with questions at (815) 338-6118 or pwdept@woodstockil.gov.

Street Resurfacing Work Begins Monday

The City's pavement marking and crack sealing programs are near completion, and assuming favorable weather conditions, the street resurfacing program began Thursday, September 8th. Initial work under the resurfacing program by Geske & Sons, Inc. includes saw cutting of curb and gutter and sidewalks in preparation for the pavement reconstruction work to begin.

Streets originally scheduled for maintenance or resurfacing as part of the 2016 Street Maintenance & Resurfacing Program are as follows:

Street	From	To
Becking Avenue	Conway Street	Dane Street
Madison Street	South Street	Fremont Street
West Jackson Street	Tryon Street	Throop Street
Country Club Road	1,900' west of Club Road	2,500' east of Club Road

Favorable bid prices will allow the City to complete some additional work at the following locations: Applewood Lane, Aspen Drive, Tanager Drive, Boulder Lane, Oak Street, Willow Avenue, Beach Avenue, Blakely Street, and the intersection of Cobblestone Way and Pond Point. For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works at (815) 338-6118 or pwdept@woodstocki.gov.

Work Begins on Route 14 Multi-Use Path Gap

The Illinois Department of Transportation's US Route 14 widening project has included the installation of a multi-use path; however, the project has left a 1,400 foot gap in the path between Lake Avenue and West Lake Shore Drive. If the gap remained, it would force users to leave the path on Lake Avenue, travel into the shoulder of a major highway, and return to the path at West Lake Shore Drive.

In response, the City of Woodstock, McHenry County, and the McHenry County Conservation District finalized an intergovernmental agreement in 2015 which worked out the design details of the "path gap" project. The City also entered into an agreement with the State of Illinois whereby the State agreed to pay 80% of the construction costs, McHenry County would pay the State required 20% local match, and the City would acquire the rights-of-way, prepare the specifications, award the bid, and fund the engineering costs. The City awarded the contract to Berger Excavating in July, and construction officially started last week. Work has included stripping of topsoil, installation of storm sewer pipes, and moving fill material to achieve a rough grade. The path is expected to be completed by the end of the month, weather permitting. Questions can be directed to the Department of Public Works at pwdept@woodstockil.gov or (815) 338-6118.

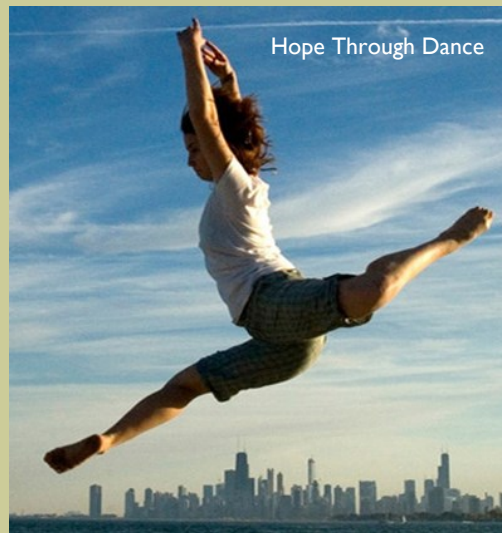
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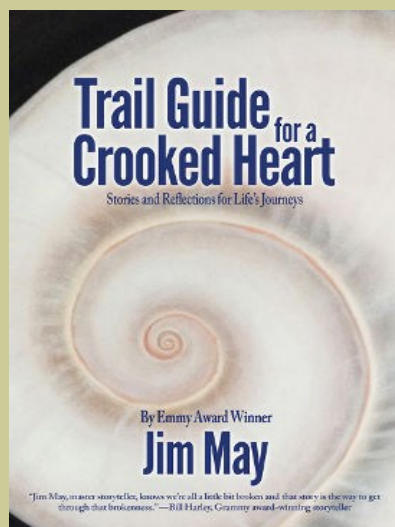
Riders In the Sky

9/10/16

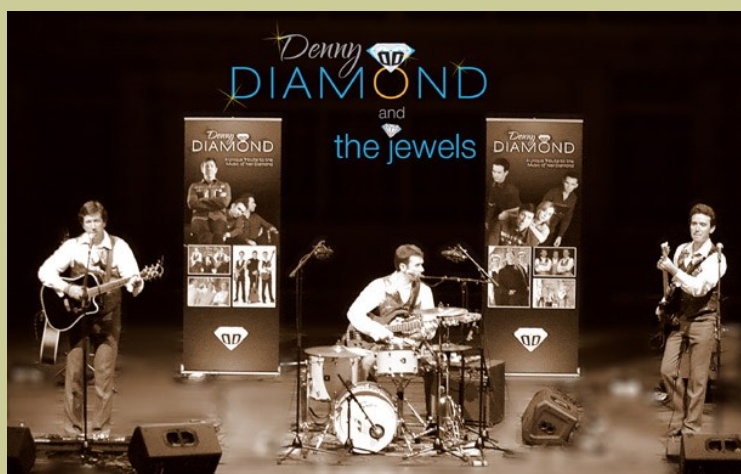


Hope Through Dance

9/11/16



9/16/16



9/17/16



Dracula

10/27/16



10/7 - 10/23

OPERA HOUSE

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OPERA HOUSE SCHEUDLE		
Friday 9/9	Saturday 9/10	Tuesday 8/23
OffSquare Open Mic 7 pm Stage Left Café	Riders in the Sky 4 pm and 8 pm Main Stage	Senior Coffee 1- 2 pm Stage Left
Friday 9/16	Saturday 9/17	Sunday 9/18
Jim May Storytelling 8 pm Main Stage Jazz Night, 8 pm Stage Left Café	Denny Diamond 7:30 pm Main Stage North Street, 7:30 pm Stage Left Café	Harvest Fest Stage Left

Leo Kottke is an extraordinary acoustic guitarist, widely known for his innovative finger-picking style, which draws on influences from blues, jazz, and folk music, and his syncopated, polyphonic melodies. Kottke has played to sold-out performances at the Opera House for 30 years now. Legendary Guitarist Leo Kottke – the most inventive finger-style guitar player in the world – will amaze you once again!

9/23-9/24



Karla Bonoff has been described as one of the finest singer/songwriters of her generation. That description is not hyperbole. With a career spanning four decades, Bonoff has enjoyed critical acclaim, commercial success, enduring popularity and the unwavering respect of her peers. In addition to her own recordings, Karla has seen her songs become hits for Bonnie Raitt, Wynonna Judd and Linda Ronstadt. Many of Bonoff's ballads are classics and she has continued to tour extensively, playing sold-out shows around the world

9/30



WOODSTOCK POLICE



You are cordially invited to join Chief John Lieb at the Woodstock Police Department for coffee, conversation and an informative program.

Permanent Beat Officer Charles Vorderer from Beat #23 (the southwest quadrant of the City) will present a program on Mental Health and a broad overview of the different facets of wellness.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, September 12, 2016
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Woodstock Police Department
656 Lake Avenue

For further information, please call
Tamara Reed at 815-338-6787.

WPD HOSTS AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

The Woodstock Police Department will host the *AARP Smart Driver Course* on **Monday, September 19, 2016** and **Tuesday, September 20, 2016**. The classes will be held in the Training Room at the Woodstock Police Department located at 656 Lake Avenue. Classes will be held on each day from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Participants *must* attend both sessions.

The AARP Smart Driver Course is the nation's first and largest classroom course designed specifically for drivers age 50 and older. Course completion helps older drivers refine existing skills and develop safe driving strategies in today's challenging driving environment.

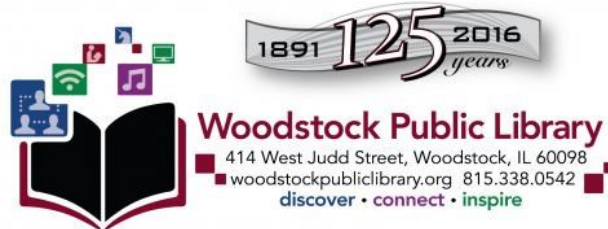
Successful completion of the course may entitle the participant to a discount on their auto insurance. Participants are charged a nominal fee of \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

There are still places available. For more information or to register for the class, please call Tamara Reed at the Woodstock Police Department at 815-338-6787.



Change in Library Hours

Beginning on Friday, September 9th, the library will close at 5:00 pm on Fridays. In addition, the library will resume Sunday hours, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, on September 11th.



Plant Sale

The Friends of Woodstock Library will hold their annual fall plant sale on Friday, September 9th and Saturday, September 10th. Hours are 10:00 am -5:00 pm on Friday and 10:00 am -3:00 pm on Saturday or until sold out. There will be a variety of mums, grasses, rudbeckia and other plants available.

Blood Drive

On Monday, September 12th the Heartland Blood Center will be hosting a blood drive at the library from 4:00 pm -7:00 pm. Please come donate as blood supplies are low all across the area. You can sign up for the drive at heartlandbc.org or by calling the library at 815-338-0542.

English Conversation Club

Interested in practicing your English? Joining our Conversation Club on Tuesdays at 10:00 am is a great opportunity for native Spanish speakers.



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IT Assistance

Need help with that tablet or other smart device? Stop in Tuesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm and Thursdays 10:00 am - 11:00 am for some one-on-one assistance with our IT Librarian gurus.

Friday Fun Day

Every Friday there will be a small, do-it-yourself activity in the Children's Department. It will be available all day, and announced on Facebook that morning. We've already built forts, colored on the floor and played dress-up, come in to see what's next!

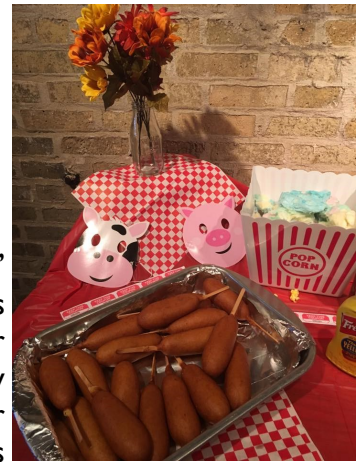
RECREATION

THE FAIR COMES TO COFFEE AT THE CAFÉ

City Manager Office Assistant Monica Amraen and Recreation Program Coordinator Becky Vidales plan and coordinate events, speakers, lunch and bingo every Tuesday for seniors that averages 20-30 participants each week. The program is free of charge and offered at Stage Left Cafe.



This month's theme was "County Fair." Members from the 4-H Clover Buds group came to talk about their fair projects and the animals that they show at the beginning of the month. A fair buffet lunch including corn dogs, nachos and cotton candy was served and they painted sunflowers.



The fourth Thursday each month the City of Woodstock and Hearthstone Communities partner together to offer an event open to the community. The program this month was a Picnic in the Park at Emricson, complete with lunch, bingo and visit from City Manager Roscoe Stelford and City Manager Office Assistant Monica Amraen's granddaughter, Madeline.

Coming in September... A gourmet s'more bar, the Citizens Utility Board and a tour of Ethereal Chocolate with Hearthstone.

TOUCH A TRUCK ENDS THE SUMMER SEASON OF PROGRAMS

The Recreation Department's Touch a Truck was on the warm and sunny Sunday, August 28 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in the main parking lot of Emricson Park. Participating companies included; City of Woodstock Public Works and Police Departments, Woodstock Fire/Rescue District, Jim Potts Motor Group, Ranger Ready Mix, Whitey's Towing, DL Midwest, Interstate Battery, National Guard and District #200 and the Kiwanis Club. This event was free.

The event is coordinated by Recreation Program Coordinator Becky Vidales with help from Recreation Program Coordinator Alan Dunker. Special thanks to Maintenance Worker Phil Lechner and Water Treatment Operator Adam Garrison for their help with getting the city trucks there on time!



PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS

The Recreation Department began registration of their fall programs for City of Woodstock residents on Tuesday, September 6th . Registration for non-residents begins on Tuesday, September 13th at 9:00 am.

Online, in person, and mail in registration will be accepted.

FALL CITY SCENE DELIVERED TO AREA RESIDENTS

The Fall City Scene was direct mailed last week to over 15,000 residents in the 60098 zip code and the west side of Wonder Lake (District 200 boundaries). In addition, the brochure will be distributed to the students at Harrison School, which is located in East Wonder Lake. If you live in the 60098 zip code area or the west side of Wonder Lake and you did not receive a City Scene, please contact Recreation Director Dave Zinnen at dzinnen@woodstockil.gov.

The City Scene is compiled by the Recreation Department with submittals from various City departments. In addition to the general information about City services that are published in each edition, there is also program information for the Challenger Learning Center, Opera House, NISRA, the Recreation Center, and the Recreation Department.

In addition to the City Scene brochure, all information regarding Rec Department programs, Woodstock Water Works, the Rec Center, and NISRA is also available at

www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com.

CITYSCENE

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Recreation Center, Recreation Programs and City Information



Thanks to Recreation Coordinator Alan Dunker who coordinated compilation of this session's brochure.

WOODSTOCK WATER WORKS CLOSES FOR THE SEASON

Warm weather brought in close to 1000 patrons this past weekend to Woodstock Water Works. Special thanks to the nine staff members left to finish the season, including managers who guarded and cashiered throughout the weekend. Final attendance numbers will be compiled shortly.

On Monday, September 12, staff from the Rec and Public Works Departments will conduct the annual end of season walk-through to compile/prioritize maintenance projects that will be completed prior opening in 2017.

AROUND TOWN

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

- **Farmer's Market**, Woodstock Square, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
- **Simulated Emergency Test (S.E.T.) Drill** - McHenry County EMA Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) will host a communication disaster exercise, Woodstock Square, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. More information at www.McHenryAware.com.
- **Chocolate & Beer Pairing** – Ethereal Confections and Half Acre Brewery for a Craft Beer + Chocolate pairing at Ethereal Confections, 113 S. Benton Street, 7:00 pm. Tickets available at Ethereal Confection's website, www.etherealconfections.com.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

- **Harvest Fest & Fair in the Square**, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- **Woodstock Duathlon** – Emricson Park, 7:30 am - 10 am
- **Operation Christmas Child 5K Fun Run / 2K Walk** - Main Pavilion in Emricson Park; 11:45 am; the events begin at 12:30 pm.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

- **Oktoberfest Golf Outing** – Home of the Sparrow's 11th Annual Charity Golf Outing, "Birdies, Brats and Beer" Oktoberfest, Bull Valley Golf Club, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

- **Farmer's Market**, Woodstock Square, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **Senior Coffee**, Stage Left Café, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

- **Woodstock International Film Fest** – Classic Cinemas' Woodstock Theatre, begins Wednesday, September 21st and concludes Sunday, September 25th, Woodstock Theatre, 209 Main St., 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

- **IT Assistance**, Woodstock Public Library, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- **State of the City Luncheon** – "A Taste of Woodstock;" Waverly Ballroom. 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Call Chamber of Commerce at 815-338-2436 for reservations.

Upcoming Grand Openings:

September 15th, 12:00 pm - Burseth Farms, 110 N. Benton Lane

September 23rd, 5:00 pm - Lucky Bernie's, 11650 Catalpa Lane

Fall Hydrant Flushing

WEST of Route 47

**Monday, September 12 through Tuesday,
September 20**

EAST of Route 47

**Wednesday, September 21 through Thursday,
September 29**

- Loss of water pressure and some discoloration may occur. It is temporary and does not pose any health hazards.
- Please refrain from doing laundry between 7:00 am and 3:30 pm when flushing is scheduled to occur, and check the water quality before starting any laundry during this program.

Hydrants flushed Monday through Friday

**For more information, please contact the Department
of Public Works at pwdept@woodstockil.gov
or at (815) 338-6118.**

The Art of Wars

September 11, 2 pm

**McHenry County Historical Society,
6422 Main Street, Union**

Mark the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor with Robert Frenz as he presents his collection of wartime propaganda posters. Learn about these iconic wartime images and the artists who created them. \$5 museum members/\$10 non-members (includes admission to the museum and the mobile World War II exhibit).



Autumn Art Tour

September 10-11

Artists and craftspeople will open their studios for this one-weekend-only, self-guided tour through some of the most exceptional art and fine crafts in the region, such as Blue Eagle Pottery. Pick up a map at Material Things Artisan Market on the Woodstock Square and let the adventure begin.

Royal Oak Farm

Open Now

Hebron IL

Explore the country's first apple tree maze. Take a wagon ride to pick apples. Enjoy lunch in the restaurant. Shop for treasures in the gift shop. Or simply enjoy a day in the country among 16,000 apple trees. The farm is open 9:30 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Thursday; 9:30 am - 7:00 pm Fridays and Saturdays; and, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm Sundays.





Photo courtesy of Northwest Herald

McHenry County College Art Student's Exhibit

The Old Courthouse will feature McHenry County College art students' art work in the their new art space, Satellite Gallery

The college students first group show is called "Begat." Featuring the students' recent work, the exhibit will be available until Oct. 13.

Satellite Gallery is a new partnership between MCC's Art Department and the Northwest Area Arts Council to further connect the work being created by MCC students with the wider community. Through the partnership, students will develop the skills and knowledge of curation and gallery exhibition, a press release stated. The gallery will feature five exhibitions a year.

For more information of the names of the artists and their art, see the article online at the Northwest Herald

<http://www.nwherald.com/2016/09/06/new-gallery-in-woodstocks-old-courthouse-to-feature-mchenry-county-college-artwork/an0hs9f/>

Need something to Celebrate? Here are some ideas!

National Days of Prayer and Remembrance - September 9-11, 2016

National Assisted Living Week – September 11- 17, 2016

Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week – September 11-17, 2016

National Environmental Services Week – September 11-17, 2016

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week – September 11-17, 2016

National Nephrology Nurses Week – September 11-17, 2016

Line Dance Week – September 12 -17, 2016

National Eczema Week – September 13-21, 2016



CITY MOTTO:
 "True to its past and confident of its future."

Reminder New Newsletter Publish Dates

September 2016

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Hours:

8:30 am - 5:00 pm
 M, W, Th, F
 8:30 am - 7:00 pm
 Tuesdays unless
 otherwise posted

Building & Zoning

815-338-4305

Economic

Development

815-338-3176

Finance & Billing

815-338-4300

Opera House

815-338-4212

Police Department

815-338-2131

Public Library

815-338-0542

Public Works

- Parks
- Streets
- Sewer
- Water

815-338-6118

Recreation

815-338-4363



City Meetings Open to the Public

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
9/12/16	5:00 pm	Board of Fire and Police	City Hall Council Chambers
9/13/16	4:30 pm	Woodstock Opera House Advisory Commission	Opera House Library
9/13/16	7:00 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission	City Hall Council Chambers
9/19/16	7:00 pm	Old Courthouse and Sheriff House Advisory Commission	City Hall Council Chambers
9/20/16	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall Council Chambers
9/21/16	7:00 pm	Transportation Commission	City Hall Council Chambers
9/22/16	7:00 pm	Plan Commission	City Hall Council Chambers

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